

What is claimed is:

1. A weed control system for a body of water, the system comprising:
a weed contacting member suspendable within the body of water proximate a bed of weeds; and
a drive member for automatically moving the weed contacting member repeatedly over the bed of weeds such that the weed contacting member repeatedly brushes against any weeds in the bed of weeds.
2. The weed control system of claim 1, wherein the weed contacting member is flexibly attached to a support member which is located approximately on or above a surface of the body of water.
3. The weed control system of claim 1, wherein the weed contacting member includes a cross-bar having a plurality of tines extending from a body of the cross-bar.
4. The weed control system of claim 1, wherein the drive member is reversible and is configured to change a direction of movement of the weed contacting member when a pre-determined time limit is reached.
5. The weed control system of claim 1, wherein the drive member includes a pair of opposing nozzles which alternately eject a jet of water to drive the drive member.
6. The weed control system of claim 1, wherein the drive member includes a reversible propeller.
7. The weed control system of claim 1, wherein the drive member includes a motor-driven wheel which rolls over a floor of the body of water.

8. A weed control system for a body of water, the system comprising:
a weed contacting member; and
water activated means for moving the weed contacting member in a repeating pattern through the body of water such that the weed contacting member repeatedly contacts any weeds in a path of the weed contacting member.
9. The weed control system of claim 8, wherein water activated means includes a water pump coupled to a first nozzle and a second nozzle which open in generally opposite directions from each other and which are alternately activated.
10. The weed control system of claim 8, wherein the weed contacting member is suspended from a support member which has a first end rotatably coupled to a stationary unit proximate the body of water and which extends over a surface of the body of water.
11. The weed control system of claim 8, wherein water activated means automatically changes a direction of movement of the weed contacting member when a pre-determined time limit is reached.
12. A weed control system for a body of water, the system comprising:
a support member;
a buoyant member coupled to the support member to keep the support member at or above a surface of the body of water;
a weed contacting member suspended from the support member to descend beneath the surface of the body of water; and
a driver to move the support member across the surface of the body of water in a repeating pattern such that the weed contacting member repeatedly brushes against any weeds beneath the support member.

13. The weed control system of claim 12, wherein the support member includes an elongated pipe having a first end rotatably coupled to a stationary unit proximate the body of water.

14. The weed control system of claim 12, wherein the driver includes a water activated driver coupled to the support member.

15. The weed control system of claim 12, wherein the driver includes a reversible propeller.

16. The weed control system of claim 12, wherein the driver includes a motor-driven wheel which rolls over a floor of the body of water.

17. A weed control system for a body of water, the system comprising:
a weed contacting member;
means for moving the weed contacting member through the body of water proximate a bed of weeds; and
a controller which, in response to a timer, periodically reverses the direction of the means for moving such that the weed contacting member is repeatedly moved back and forth across the bed of weeds.

18. The weed control system of claim 17, wherein the weed contacting member is suspended from a support member such that the weed contacting member brushes against any weeds in the bed of weeds.

19. The weed control system of claim 17, wherein the means for moving the weed contacting member includes a water activated means.

20. The weed control system of claim 17, wherein the means for moving the weed contacting member includes a motor-driven means.

21. A weed control system for a body of water, the system comprising:
an elongated support member positioned parallel to a surface of a body of water and positionable at or above the surface, the elongated support member having a first end rotatably coupled to a stationery unit proximate the body of water;
a weed contacting member suspended from the support member and located beneath the surface; and
a reversible driver coupled proximate a second end of the elongated support member to drive the elongated support member in a rotating manner repeatedly back and forth across the surface of a section of the body of water such that the weed contacting member is repeatedly pulled back and forth beneath the surface of the section to repeatedly contact any weeds located in that section.

22. The weed control system of claim 21, wherein the reversible driver is water activated.

23. The weed control system of claim 21, wherein the weed contacting member includes a cross-bar having a plurality of tines extending from a body of the cross-bar.

24. The weed control system of claim 21, wherein the reversible driver is motor driven.

25. A method of controlling weeds in a body of water, the method comprising repeatedly brushing a bed of weeds with a weed contacting member which is suspended from a support member located proximate a surface of the body of water.

26. The method of claim 25, wherein repeatedly brushing includes periodically reversing a direction of the weed contacting member in response to a timer such that the weed contacting member moves back and forth over the bed of weeds.

27. A method of controlling weeds in a body of water, the method comprising:
coupling a first end of a support member to a stationary unit proximate the
body of water such that the support member extends over a surface of the body of
water;

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suspending a weed contacting member from the support member such that
the weed contacting member is located beneath the surface; and

moving the support member in a repeating pattern such that the weed
contacting member repeatedly brushes against any weeds located proximate the
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